

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1 1.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising
 - 2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a
 - 3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar plate member disposed horizontally
 - 4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar member having at least
 - 5 one aperture formed therein, said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein
 - 6 intermediate said bottom surface and said planar member, and
 - 7 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating
 - 8 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,
 - 9 and a bottom surface, said bottom surface having at least one aperture formed therein,
 - 10 said second chamber having a cone atop said bottom surface and spaced inwardly of said
 - 11 second chamber sidewall, said second chamber bottom surface located above said first
 - 12 chamber planar member.
- 1 2.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
- 2 retention means for support thereon of said planar member.
- 1 3.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member has formed
- 2 therein a centrally positioned aperture.
- 1 4.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 1 which includes a plurality of
- 2 planar members directly adjacent to each other intermediate said first chamber top edge

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3 and said first chamber bottom surface, each of said planar members having at least one
4 aperture formed therein, said planar members being cooperatively adjusted relative to one
5 another to facilitate control of the amount of air passing through said apertures.

1 5.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber sidewall has a
2 flange member, said flange member forming the bottom edge of said sidewall, said flange
3 member telescoping with said top edge of said first chamber.

1 6.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a
2 removable grating placed atop said top edge of said second chamber.

1 7.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has attached
2 thereto a handle.

1 8.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a plurality
2 of supporting members extending downwardly from said second chamber bottom surface
3 into contact with said first chamber planar member.

1 9.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member is removable
2 from said first chamber.

- 1 10.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has
- 2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

- 1 11.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second chambers are
- 2 cylindrical.

- 1 12.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising
- 2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a
- 3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar plate member disposed horizontally
- 4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar member having at least
- 5 one aperture formed therein, said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein
- 6 intermediate said bottom surface and said planar member,
- 7 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating
- 8 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,
- 9 and a bottom surface, said bottom surface having at least one aperture formed therein,
- 10 said bottom surface being able to have placed thereon a first fuel source and to have
- 11 placed below a second fuel source, said second chamber bottom surface located above
- 12 said first chamber planar member, and
- 13 a cone, said cone located above said first chamber planar member.

- 1 13.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cone is located above said second chamber member bottom surface and spaced inwardly of said second chamber sidewall.

- 1 14.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said cone is disposed in an intermediate chamber, said intermediate chamber having a top edge and a bottom portion, said bottom portion having a bottom surface, said top edge in contact with said second chamber, said intermediate chamber bottom portion in contact with said first chamber, said cone resting on said intermediate member bottom surface.

- 1 15.(Original) The device according to claim 14 wherein said intermediate chamber has a plurality of supporting members extending downwardly therefrom.

- 1 16.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first chamber sidewall has apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

- 1 17.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first and second chambers are cylindrical.

- 1 18.(Original) The device according to claim 14 wherein said intermediate chamber is cylindrical.